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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 160
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A RESOLUTION To honor and commend the volunteers who
compose the Emergency Support Unit of Metro
Nashville.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize those citizens who
participate in organizations that are devoted to serving the public welfare; and

WHEREAS, The volunteers who compose the Emergency Support Unit of Metro
Nashville are such exemplary citizens; and

WHEREAS, The Emergency Support Unit (ESU) provides a variety of valuable services:
search operations for lost persons, security and traffic control at emergency scenes, evacuation
of flood victims, clearing of roads blocked by fallen trees, assistance to Metro Nashville Police in
times of disaster, including the 1994 ice storm and the 1998 tornado and many more; and

WHEREAS, The ESU is a group of non-paid volunteers from the Metro Nashville
Community, all of whom donate their time, energy, and personal funds to provide assistance to
their fellow citizens during times of need; and

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WHEREAS, As stated by John F. Higgins, II, Training Officer for the Emergency Support Unit, "We pride ourselves on our fast response. . . and resourcefulness. . . Our goal is to serve the public—without asking anything in return. We pride ourselves on being volunteers"; and

WHEREAS, The ESU is currently comprised of fifty-five courageous men and women, including Major Jimmy Speight, Captains Kelly Murphy, Jonnie Speight, and David Crane, Sergeants Audrey Lewis, Brent Stockett, James Christy, David Cain, J.T. Shelby, and William Armistead, and Training Officer John Higgins; and

WHEREAS, The other members are as follows: Officers Gayle Pitmon, Denise Burton, Charles Grider, Neena Dye, Michael Taylor, Angi Roscoe, Mike Linton, James Guevara, Delethia Nuckols, Carla Gilbert, Eric Limbo, Michael Julian, Jack Green, Travis Gleaves, Lem Majors, Alyce Eason, Robbie Wright, George Cawthon, John Aubrey, Jonathan Bush, William Maki, Michael Hanzalik, Derick Price, Jon Carter, William Owen, William Chamberlain, Terry Post, David Williams, Dan Berwitz, Charley Pulley, Isaac Williamson, Michael Roberts, Andy Depuy, Robert Flippen, Scott Garrett, Larry Bass, Preston Marsh, Mark Billingsley, Matthew Hawkins, Jon Kowles, Kevin Adams, Vivian Russell, David Stoner, and John Johnson; and

WHEREAS, The spirit of volunteerism is inherently Tennessean, and the volunteers who compose the Emergency Support Unit of Metro Nashville are exemplary Tennesseans, willing to go the extra mile to help those in need; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend the volunteers who compose the Emergency Support Unit of Metro Nashville, and we wish them continued success in all of their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.